

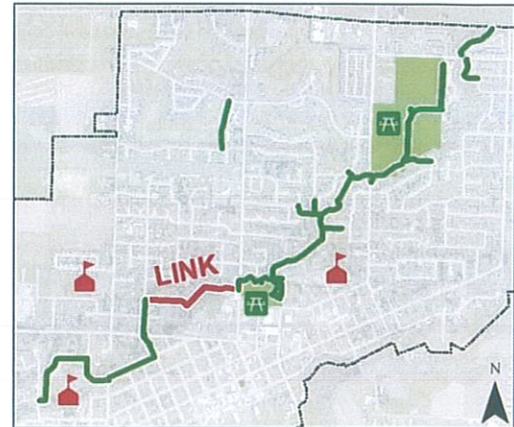


City of Lynden 2020 Legislative Agenda

Jim Kaemingk Trail Connection: \$1.1 Million

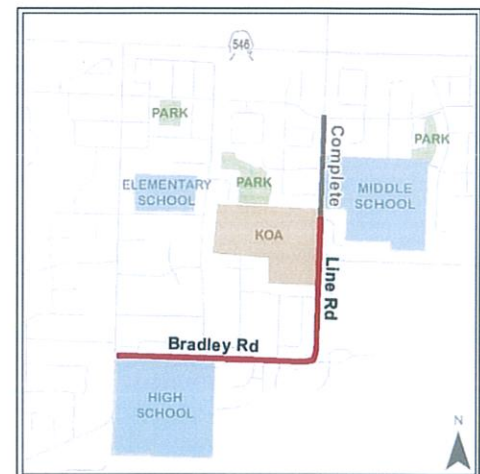
Perhaps the most treasured asset in Lynden and northern Whatcom County is the City's Jim Kaemingk Trail. It currently is two miles long and provides safe student access to six schools and four public parks. The City completed the most recent leg of the trail system in 2018 using its own funds to match 50% of a \$1 million Safe Route to Schools grant.

The two existing sections of Trail (in green) now need to be connected (in red). The cost to build this ½-mile link is **\$1.1 million**. That cost includes a bridge over Fishtrap Creek and wetland mitigation. The City has secured the land needed for the project and has allocated \$250,000 to complete the project design. The City requests \$1.1 million in capital funding to complete this important regional trail.



Line and Bradley Roads: \$3 Million

Line and Bradley roads link Lynden High School and the Lynden Middle School. As such they are major connectors for cars, bikes, and children walking to school. Line road is 24' wide with no bike or pedestrian facilities and Bradley Road has an unprotected widened shoulder on one side, offering limited protection to pedestrians. Although federally classified as "arterials", they were constructed as County roads before City annexation and do not meet City arterial standards. Only a small section of Line Road, directly in front of the Middle School, has been improved. In order to complete the project, a stream culvert must also be replaced. The total cost to improve this critical ¾-mile link between the two schools is \$3 million.



On the horizon: SR-546 (Badger Rd) Culvert Replacement Flooding Impacts

Under a recent Supreme Court decision, WSDOT must improve all state-owned culverts. Two culverts on SR-546 at Double Ditch Road in Lynden are among those scheduled for replacement in 2022 (accelerated from the original construction date of 2024). The problem: Those culverts discharge water into an area already prone to flooding. WSDOT's project will improve water flows and fish habitat through those culverts but will also worsen flooding. Lynden is developing plans for a \$30M infrastructure project to address flooding and fish habitat in that region. But in order to have the flood infrastructure in place prior to the culvert replacement in 2022, state funding needs to be allocated to the flood mitigation project. This project funded is needed during the 2021 legislative session.